



# UB Highlights

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News & Events for May 15-31, 2016

## Physician Assistant Info

**Monday, May 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Those considering undertaking the Master of Science, Physician Assistant, are invited to attend an information session, on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library, explaining the application process and program details. Register online or contact **Leanne Proctor**, 203-576-4552, or [lproctor@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lproctor@bridgeport.edu), for more information.



## Financial Aid Night #2

**Wednesday, May 18, 6-8 p.m.**

Prospective students are invited to join Student Financial Services and the Office of Admissions for a free workshop that aims to guide new undergraduate students through the entire FAFSA process. Participants should bring their own and their parents' 2015 tax information. Register online or contact **Jessica Crowley**, 203-576-4812 or [jessiccr@bridgeport.edu](mailto:jessiccr@bridgeport.edu) for more information.



## Young Alumni Network Event

**Thursday, May 19, 6:30-9 p.m.**

The UB Alumni Association and the Bridgeport Young Professionals group have teamed up to invite alumni to a Bridgeport Bluefish (vs. Somerset Patriots) baseball game, to be enjoyed from a private box supplied with appetizers, drinks (first two at no charge), and free raffles. The Ballpark at Harbor Yard is walkable from the Bridgeport Metro North station, and there is plenty of parking (@\$7). Register online or contact Lindsey Christiani, 203-576-4151 or [lchristi@bridgeport.edu](mailto:lchristi@bridgeport.edu), for more information. Admission is free, but this is a ticketed event, so registration is required.

## FYI - Student Refunds

Effective June 1, 2016, refunds processed by Student Financial Services will no longer go through Purple Knight/Higher One cards. Students must sign up for direct deposit on the UB Portal, under Financial Information, View Account, eRefunds.

## Purple Knights Home Athletic Events May 15-31, 2016

### Baseball

**[May 12-14, ECC Tournament. Purple Knights play against Dowling at Dowling on Thursday, May 12. More details TBA.]**

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**Monday, May 30, Memorial Day**  
No Classes, Offices Closed

### HEALTH SCIENCES

**Monday-Friday, May 16-20, Final Examination Week**

**Monday, May 23, Final Grades Due**

## You might have missed. . .

April 24: **Hillary Clinton**, now seeking the Democratic Party nomination for president, held a "get out the vote" rally on Sunday afternoon, ahead of the Connecticut primary April 26, in UB's Hubbell Gym. Crowds gathered in the sunshine before the doors opened at 12:15, and the rally began at 2:15. Connecticut U.S. Senators Blumenthal and Murphy also spoke in Secretary Clinton's support.

April 28: **Jahana Hayes '14, Education, 6th Year Degree**, was named the 2016 National Teacher of the Year. She was chosen from among all the state teachers of the year (she was 2016 Connecticut Teacher of the Year) by a national selection committee representing the major national education organizations. Hayes, the mother of four, grew up and attended school in Waterbury, where she now teaches history at John F. Kennedy High School. UB Education Professor **Gail Perilli**, who taught Hayes in her Educational Leadership class, remembers that she was always looking for ways to get parents involved and that "she wanted equality for all students." Hayes was honored by President Obama at the White House on May 3.

## Good News

Two online courses taught through the Ernest C. Trefz School of Business have received the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium's inaugural Exemplar Course Awards. They are MGMT 555, Global Program & Project Management, led by Prof. **Michael Lohle** and instructional designer **Christine Smith**; and Legal Environment of Business and Ethics, led by Prof. **Russ Meade** and instructional designer Christine Smith. The recognitions will be officially presented at CTDLC's eVolution in eLearning Conference, on May 25. **Kris Bickell**, director of UB's Global Learning Initiatives, served as a member of the awards committee.



**Stephen Jackowicz**, clinical assistant professor in UB's Acupuncture Institute, has teamed up with **Rene Sanz**, an analytical chemist who teaches at the Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture School, for a research project examining the chemical constituents of Chinese herbal formulas and the preservation of secondary metabolites during the granular preparation process used in medicinal extraction. The project is intended to explore the question of standard preparation of herbal medicines and their continuity across various forms of administration, which is a requisite platform for further clinical applications. The collaboration was facilitated by **Tarek Sobh**, senior vice president for graduate studies and research, and **Ruba S. Deeb**, director of biomedical research development at UB.



On May 4, the Department of Psychology reactivated the UB chapter of Psi Chi, an international honors society advancing the science of psychology, and inducted 27 undergraduate psychology majors, who represented the top 10% of their class academically. **Jessica Nelson**, assistant professor of counseling, and **David Oberleitner**, assistant professor of psychology.

## Student Leadership Awards

The following graduating student ambassadors were recognized at a ceremony on April 21:

Senior Student Ambassadors  
**Dominick Perreira, Karlie Spader,  
Khrystian Pereira, Virginia Orman**

Student Ambassadors  
**Ana Loor, Anne Fried Drath, Asia Maddox,  
Mary Ajala, Sam Orman, Shawn Mason,  
Simon Arias**

## UB Service Awards

On April 19, the following UB faculty and staff, along with staff of C&W Services, Securitas, and Sodexo, were recognized for their service to the University of Bridgeport:

- 45 Years: **John "Doc Rock" Nicholas**  
40 Years: **Valerie E. Powell Baldwin**  
35 Years: **Marlene A. Bojarski, Angelo Cimino**  
25 Years: **Susan J. Kristie, Sandra McClean,  
Donna M. Phillips, Melville T. Riley, April Vournelis, Ureal White**  
20 Years: **Rayon George Bernard, David J. Burton, Michael J. Giampaoli, Christine D. Hempowicz, William Lewis, Marcia H. Lorentzen, Ausif Mahmood, James Melita, Patricia I. Mulcahy-Ernt, Roxie L. Ray, Tarek M. Sobh, Michele Stevenson**  
15 Years: **Jose Alfaro, David Atia, Khaled M. Elleithy, Phil Grasso, Maxine "Sunni" Hudy, Takafumi Kojima, Maureen Lyons Maloney, Edgar Melgar, Alina Merced, Eliot Nieves, Magnus Johan Nilerud, Brian S. Quinn, Michael J. Ruane**  
10 Years: **Anthony Arce, Keiko H. Breland, Kyle Buckley, Alessandra Castagnetto, Charles T. Ford, Junling Hu, Melissa H. Lopez, Scott McBride, Daniel Antonio Mestre, Sandra Peck, Xingguo Xiong, Richard Wilfred Yelle**

## 2016 Golden Knights

*The following members of the UB Class of 1966 attended the 106th Commencement ceremonies, where they were honored as Golden Knights:*

**Joan Arenberg Bone**, B.S. Secondary Education  
**Rosemarie Franchi Bowser**, B.S. Elementary Education  
**Alice Broadhurst Cupole**, B.S. Nursing  
**Michele Remus Fitzgerald**, B.S. Nursing  
**Keith L. Flaherty**, B.S. Marketing  
**Carol Conti Gradowski**, B.S. Nursing  
**Charles F. Kenny, Jr.**, B.S. Industrial Journalism  
**Dolores Rice-Kosarko**, B.S. Psychology  
**Daniel Landau**, M.B.A. Accounting  
**Richard C. Lanza**, B.S. Business Administration  
**Bernard J. O'Neill**, B.S. Mechanical Engineering

# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI

### ENGINEERING

**Manish Chowdhary '00**, computer science and engineering, founder and CEO of GoECart, an award-winning company he began creating while a student living in Bodine 816, addressed 1,300 UB graduates in the Webster Bank Arena on May 7. He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. In 2013, Manish had also received UB's Distinguished Alumni Award. The 106th Commencement ceremonies were live-streamed and were viewed by Manish's family abroad, as they were by many other families around the world whose sons and daughters were graduating.

### SASD

**David Kaiser '76**, Industrial Design, president of Spark Design LLC, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Industrial Design, which includes a monogrammed UB chair, for his distinguished achievements. The annual alumni honors reception, on April 30, was hosted by UB Trustee **Art Landi '74**, Industrial Design.

## SASD Honors

In a ceremony at the annual alumni reception on April 30, the following student achievements were recognized:

### Undergraduate Academic Achievement Awards

Industrial Design: **Meng Liu**

Graphic Design: **Chisaki Hagata**

Interior Design: **Karen Rankine, Luke DeRosa III**

Portfolio Prize in Graphic Design: **Terrell Griffith**

### Master of Professional Studies

Academic Achievement Awards, Design Management

**Priyama Barua, Nadia Mandoura, Giovana Soares**

## FACULTY & STAFF

### CPIA

**Susan Katz**, Mass Communication senior lecturer, has been awarded the coveted Pollie Award by the American Association of Political Consultants, the industry's highest honor for political consultants at the national and international level. She was recognized for her Direct Mail in Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim's campaign. This is the third award for Katz's work on the Ganim campaign. She previously received the Reed Award from *Campaigns & Elections* magazine, and the Goldie Award for political communication excellence.

### ENGINEERING

**Tarik El Taib**, adjunct professor of computer science and engineering, has won a 2015 Cisco Instruction Excellence Award. The expert-level award recognizes high-performing instructors whose exceptional teaching allows students to qualify as Cisco Certified Network Associates or Cisco Certified Network Professionals through online programming.

### NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

**Marcia Prenguber '75 ND, University of Saint Joseph**, received the 2016 Mary Consuela Mulcahy Award for distinction in the field of science. She was among 7 USJ alumni honored for their professional achievements, exemplary leadership, and community service.

### PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

**Neil Salonen**, UB president, was given the Elizabeth M. Pfriem Civic Award for his leadership at the University of Bridgeport, and in the city. The golden apple award was presented at the annual Inspiration Awards event of the Bridgeport Public Education Fund, on May 4.

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.